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- At 1030 on 17 June 1954, two Soviet minesweepers were sighted in the area between Segelskaer (N 59-44, E 23-24) and Hanko (N 59-49, E 22-57). They steered a northeasterly course, which they later reversed to a southwesterly course. A third sweeper of similar type was towing two targets about half a mile distant from the other vessels. After laying a smoke screen, the first two ships disappeared behind the white smoke.
- Two M-type minesweepers proceeding abreast on a southerly course at minimum speed were sighted picking up buoys near Porkkala on 17 June. Five more M-type sweepers, also engaged in taking in sweeping buoys, proceeded on a northeasterly course at minimum speed. One of the five sweepers, which bore distinguishing number 426, was observed picking up three red buoys about one meter long, while another three buoys were seen on the fantail. About 100 buoys were seen on the water. Half their length projected above the surface.

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